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1. There was little Soviet naval activity at Sassnitz, on Ruegen Island, during November and December 1951, and the port was visited by an occasional torpedo boat, trawler, or small speed boat which would drop anchor for a short time.
2. Three East German trawlers, which are part of the East German sea police, have been stationed at Sassnitz since October. Each trawler has a crew of 22 men, and is armed with one 70 or 80 millimeter gun and one four-barrel anti-aircraft gun. The ships are in good condition and appear to be new or rebuilt.
3. About 450 fishing vessels are permanently stationed at Sassnitz. These vessels are between 30 and 80 gross tons, have a speed of between 9 and 17 knots, and take a crew of between 6 and 12 men. Most of the vessels appear to be fairly new. Informant asserts that the number of fishing vessels in the harbor tripled during the last six months of 1951. [REDACTED]
4. The road leading from the Sassnitz harbor to Dwasieden is still under construction. [REDACTED]
5. A fish-smoking house has been constructed at Sassnitz harbor.

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